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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A sound collecting device comprising:
a transducer responsive to an input of a sound wave to vibrate, producing a corresponding acoustic signal;
an amplifier amplifying the acoustic signal from said transducer; ~~and~~
a vibrating circuit connected to said transducer in parallel to said amplifier to vibrate said transducer;
a controller which controls an operation of said vibrating circuit; and
a temperature sensor which measures an ambient temperature, wherein said controller controls said vibrating circuit to vibrate said transducer at a first time interval when the ambient temperature measured by the temperature sensor is lower than a given value and at a second time interval longer than the first time interval when the ambient temperature measured by the temperature sensor is higher than the given value.
2. (Original) A second collecting device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a switch which selectively establishes and blocks communications between said transducer and said amplifier and between said transducer and said vibrating circuit.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) A sound collecting device as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a second controller which controls a switching operation of said switch.
5. (Canceled).
- 6-13. (Canceled).